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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Benoit de CROMBRUGGHE et al.

Serial No.: 09/734,329

Filed: November 30, 2000

For: MASTER BONE FORMATION
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR:
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF
USE

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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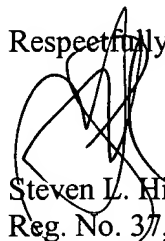
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including January 27, 2003 in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated September 27, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$465.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$465.00) for a three-month extension of time.

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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTXC:666US.

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